

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE:** Preschool thru Grade 12 at 9:10 AM (Sept.-May)

Adult Bible Class at 9:10 AM (Sept.-May); 8:30 AM (June/July/August)

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** Saturdays at 6:00 PM

Sundays at 10:30 AM (Sept.-May)

Sundays at 9:30 AM (June/July/August)

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**COMMUNION CELEBRATION:**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month and the Saturdays before these Sundays

A **Monthly Communion** service is held the Tuesday following the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday-Thursday, 7:30 AM to 3 PM; Friday, 7:30 AM to NOON

**REPORTER** deadline ... the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month

## St. John Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*



# THE MAY 2012 REPORTER

*Working together and fully equipped,  
we will proclaim the Good News of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.*

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That together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.



We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his

neighbor for his good, to build him up. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:1-2, 5-7

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I stumbled across this call of the Holy Spirit as I was cross referencing a Homily that I was preparing. I shared it with the Council members at our last meeting and I wanted to do the same for you in this month's Reporter. You may ask why St. Paul is calling for us to have the harmony that is mentioned above.

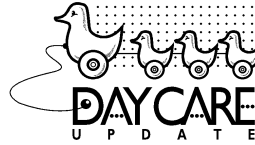
The answer is very illuminating and comes to us from the first four verses of this chapter. St. Paul writes that "We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves." I hope that you do not think that you must exercise to become strong so that you might lift up the weak, physically. Rather, together we exercise our spiritual muscle in order to benefit those who are in need.

The key word in all of this is the word WE. St. Paul does not call one person to bear the burdens, but that those who discern the need of others come together and build the needy up in Christ Jesus. WE are to be an encouragement to one another, to build one another up so that the Holy Spirit can work through us and in us as Jesus prayed to our heavenly Father in the seventeenth chapter of the Gospel of John.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, WE have a unique opportunity this month to bear a witness of harmony both within and without our church as WE come together for our Voter's Assembly. It is a time that WE can put aside selfish desires of the flesh and in accord with Christ Jesus, WE may, with one voice, glorify God, serve others and imitate our Savior in all WE do and say. With this one voice, pray that it might become God pleasing action. That many who are weak would be caught up in the love of Christ and strengthened in their faith through the Holy Spirit.

My prayer for us as we come together for our Voter's Assembly, is the same as St. Paul's desire for all believers, that we welcome one another as Christ has welcomed us. I pray that I would see all of you on May 9th. Have a great day in the Lord.

— Pastor Tompkins —



### News from Noah's Ark ...

#### DAYCARE ...

- Daycare is heading into a summer of fun with the kids
- Daycare will be closed on Monday, May 28th for Memorial Day

The Daycare staff and students would like to thank those that came out to support the soup supper that we hosted. We greatly appreciate your support.

#### PRESCHOOL ...

- Last day of preschool is May 17th for the 3's class and May 18th for the 4's and Year to Grow class
- Bible Stories: Phillip and the Ethiopian, Paul's Conversion, and Naaman
- Themes: Transportation, Zoo, Beaches and Bubbles
- Letters: Z and Review J,D,U

Carleen Smith, Director



### Sunday school news ...

May 20 is the last day of Sunday school before our summer break. We will see you again for Rally Sunday on August 26. Watch the bulletin for details about Rally Sunday.



### Vacation Bible School News...

#### 2012 dates & theme ...

Join us for VBS, May 29-June 1, 6-8:00 PM. We will learn about children of the Bible. We'll also learn how we can become "Kingdom Kids," who welcome, share and celebrate the glory of God's Kingdom. Ages 3 years old (by May 1) through 8th grade (in the fall) are invited. Registration forms are available at [stjohnclarinda.org](http://stjohnclarinda.org).



#### VBS snack donations ...

Snack donations are needed. If you would like to donate some of the needed snack items, please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the educational wing.



### VBS volunteers needed ...

Are you interested in becoming a volunteer? There are many ways in which you can help. Anyone ages 9th grade (in the fall) through adult can help. If you are interested, contact Stephanie Bryson at mnsbryson@hotmail.com or 303.9915. A nursery will be provided for volunteers with children under 3 years old.



### LWML news ...

First I would like to thank the program committee for a very well organized Body and Soul day. It was a great time and several positive comments have been shared. The message and caring for our sisters in Christ was quite evident. I pray that our second Body and Soul day will be as successful and much MORE!!! Thanks again!!!!

Congratulations on paying our second \$300 project to the Hospitality House! The power of prayer and a grateful heart is still working strong in the LWML. We also purchased two 40 cup coffee makers for the kitchen at St. John. Thank you for your generosity.

World Relief pickup day is May 15 at the St. John's parking lot at 10 AM.

The theme for the District Convention June 28-30 at Lake Okoboji is "Joy of the Lord is our Strength." Convention offerings received will go to Camp Okoboji and the Harvest printing. Convention "in-gathering" will be "Old Bags come through for Hope Ministries" and "Spare a New Pair." These collections will include belts and purses you no longer use and new underwear for the homeless in Iowa and for the IOWAY project in California. If your last name begins with A-H bring small sizes; I-Q medium sizes; R-Z bring large sizes. These can be women's, men's or children's socks, underwear and T-shirts. (Just a note- over 80% of the homeless are MEN!!!) The purses need to be cleaned out and the belts need to be rolled up and secured with a rubber band.

ATTENTION LADIES ... Come join us on Wednesday, May 2, at 6 PM for the LWML joint meeting entitled, "Hats Off to Our Mothers." Help us celebrate motherhood as a gift from God as we share memories of our mothers and celebrate their lives. Bring or wear a hat of your mother's or one of your own!!! Bernie Wagoner is our guest speaker. Bring a salad to share and come prepared to CELEBRATE!!! At this meeting we will elect a Treasurer and Vice President. Please prayer-fully

consider these opportunities if you are asked.

Check the church calendar for the dates of the Circle meetings. The June Bible study is "What Do you Have to Say?" page 16 of the Spring Quarterly. Copies of the Quarterly are in the educational wing, narthex, and by the chapel. For great fellowship and time in God's word please attend any circle meeting that meets your schedule.

**Remember that the first weekend of the month is MITE weekend. The MITE boxes are located outside the chapel and in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity and KEEP PRAYING!!!** -Trudi Tompkins



### Youth trip to Mission Central ...

Twenty Sunday school and Midweek students will head to Mission Central in Mapleton, IA on Friday, May 25. We will spend the afternoon touring Mission Central, speaking with a missionary and presenting our check for the funds we have raised for Chinese Bibles. Please call Stephanie Bryson if interested in attending - 542.2584.



### Sunday morning worship schedule for June, July, and August ...

Beginning June 3 our worship service time will be 9:30 AM. Please mark your calendar! We will continue to have our Saturday evening worship service at 6:00 PM.

NOTE ... Our Sunday school classes for preschool thru grade 12 will take a break for the summer. The last session for this school year is May 20. We'll see you again on Rally Sunday, August 26 [Sunday worship will return to 10:30 on Rally Sunday, Aug. 26].



### What We Preach and Teach ...

John 3:16 is often called the Gospel in a Nutshell, because it so succinctly states God's gift to us: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." Of all the words in the Bible, these are the most important. If we know nothing else, this is of first importance to us: that Christ died, was buried, and rose again for our sins.

These words – of first importance – come to us from St. Paul who wrote, "For I delivered to you as of first

importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures..." (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

The apostles were martyred because they preached these words of first importance. Thousands of Christians have been persecuted and put to death because they have clung to these words. And why not! They are "the words of eternal life" (John 6:68)! This is why these words are the essence of what we preach and teach.

And we are stewards of these words of eternal life. Moses instructed his people to impress these words of eternal life on their children, to talk about them everywhere, at all times. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise" (Deuteronomy 6:5-7). The world – our own children and others – still need to hear these words. We may dispense all kinds of wisdom; we may offer advice on all kinds of subjects, but this message is the one of first importance. Let's not shy away from the opportunities God gives us to tell this life-giving message.



**Camp Okobojo 2012 Schedule**  
*Serving Christ in Outdoor Ministry!*

Date	Event
June 3	Camp Benefit Omelet Brunch
June 3-9	Okobojo Girls Basketball Camp
June 3-9	Okobojo Girls Volleyball Camp
June 8-10	Kids Kamp
June 10-14	Calm Down
June 12-17	Jr Joy Day Camp
June 16	Auxiliary's Annual Quilt Auction
June 17-23	Minneboji
June 24-26	IDW Convention
June 28-30	LWML Convention
July 1	Camp Benefit All American Brunch
July 1-7	July 4th Family Retreat
July 8-14	Junior High Week
July 12-15	Ginny DeWall Joy Camp
July 15-21	Concordia Cub Week
July 22-28	Youth Week
July 29-Aug 4	Family Retreat I
Aug. 5	Camp Benefit Omelet Brunch
Aug. 5-11	Family Retreat II
Aug. 10-12	Hispanic Family Retreat
Aug. 18	Camp Board of Directors'
Aug. 19	2nd Annual Golf Outing
Aug. 26	Camp Benefit Omelet Brunch
Sept. 16-18	IDW Outdoor Education
Oct. 5-7	Fall Volunteer Weekend

- Oct. 7 Camp Benefit Omelet Brunch
- Oct. 8-10 IDW New Workers & Board of Directors
- Nov. 9-10 Women's Fall Retreat
- Dec.30-Jan.1 FREEZE

[Stop by the church office or visit the Camp website [www.campokobojo.org](http://www.campokobojo.org) for registration information.]



*Lutherans For Life ...* "We often address the life issues based on the Fifth Commandment's prohibition of murder or on the First Article and God's creation of life. But the Second Article raises the value of my life and the reasons I should value other lives to an incomprehensible level. Mistreat human life and you mistreat something very special to Jesus Christ. He paid for it. Mistreat life and you mistreat Jesus. He owns it." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life ·*  
[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)



*The Lutheran Hour ...* The Lutheran Hour is aired every Sunday. Station listings in our area: 6:30 AM KFAB (1110 AM), Omaha, NE; 7:30 AM WHO (1040 AM); 8:00 AM KCMO (710 AM), Mission, KS; 8:30 AM KFEQ (680 AM), St. Joseph, MO; 9:30 AM KJAN (1220 AM), Atlantic, IA.



*Joyful Response ...* St. John offers a convenient way to give regularly to the church. Joyful Response is a voluntary, electronic offering service for our members. Weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly contributions can be gifted directly to the church. Joyful Response is just like the automated or electronic transfers you may already use with your payroll checks, loan or utility payments. Stop by or call the church office to learn more about this service and to pick up an enrollment form. There is no cost for this service.

